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ALAN LOWREY TO CAPTAIN OAHU NETMEN

Tennis Team That Will Meet
Maui This Month Is
Being Picked

A. L. Castle has withdrawn from the Oahu tennis team that is to invade Maui for the Harvest Home celebration at Puuene on the 15th of this month, and this has weakened the team considerably. Business and politics is keeping Castle at home, and there is no chance of his changing his mind.

The captaincy of the tennis team has been turned over to Alan Lowrey, and he is busy today getting in touch with local players and picking the team. The idea is to take over six doubles teams to meet the Maui racquet wielders in the annual contest. Tennis will take up the entire morning and polo the afternoon. It is not decided yet whether there will be a relay swim between the two islands in the Puuene tank this year.

Besides Lowrey, tennis men who will likely make the trip include Stanley Kennedy, E. Henoch, C. G. Bockus, A. M. Nowell, John Waterhouse, C. T. Littlejohn, Alan Davis and Lieut. Robertson.

YESTERDAY'S SCORES IN THE BIG LEAGUES

AMERICAN LEAGUE.
At Chicago—Philadelphia 5, Chicago 4.
At St. Louis—St. Louis 2, Boston 1.
At Cleveland—Washington 7, Cleveland 6.
At Detroit—Detroit 9, New York 3.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
At New York—New York 4, Chicago 1.
At Boston—Boston 1, Pittsburgh 0.
At Philadelphia—Philadelphia 4, Cincinnati 3.
At Brooklyn—Brooklyn 1, St. Louis 0.

How They Stand

AMERICAN LEAGUE. Including Yesterday's Games.		
	W.	L.
Philadelphia	61	34
Washington	54	43
Boston	53	44
Detroit	51	48
St. Louis	49	47
Chicago	47	49
New York	42	55
Cleveland	31	68

NATIONAL LEAGUE. Including Yesterday's Games.		
	W.	L.
New York	52	37
Chicago	52	44
Boston	47	45
St. Louis	51	47
Philadelphia	44	48
Cincinnati	44	50
Brooklyn	41	48
Pittsburgh	39	51

FEDERAL LEAGUE. (Including Games of July 27)		
	W.	L.
Chicago	50	39
Brooklyn	44	38
Indianapolis	46	40
Baltimore	45	41
Buffalo	42	42
Kansas City	42	49
St. Louis	41	40
Pittsburgh	36	48

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ROWING NOT ALL A QUESTION OF COACH AND STYLE

A cursory reading of the newspapers after the recent intercollegiate rowing races might easily give the average man the impression that the contests were between certain potent beings called "coaches" who placed certain animated manikins in racing shells to execute mysterious movements called collectively a "stroke." Pages in the newspapers were filled with "snappily" accounts of "Courtney's crew," "Rice's boys," or "Wray's pet," and so on through the terms which the average reporter thinks he must use because stories of professional baseball are written in that fashion. In victory the coach is lauded and in defeat he is apt to be anatomized.

(The above comment is from the Outlook, the article continuing as follows:)

Certainly this is scarcely the sporting view-point, nor is it conducive to the best results or to the encouragement of the best spirit in rowing. No less certainly does it bring forth a great deal of nonsense concerning the technical side of rowing, for the man who writes in this way usually has little first-hand knowledge of the sport, but has picked up a number of cant phrases with which he baffles himself and his reader.

Because of this perennial tendency of sporting writers, since Yale won at New London, since Pennsylvania made such an unexpectedly splendid fight at Poughkeepsie, and since Harvard and Union Boat club crews settled the Grand Challenge cup at Henley between themselves, we have heard a great deal about the English and the American stroke. It happens that Yale and Pennsylvania were coached by English university oarsmen, while the Henley victors are supposed to be exponents of the American style. The whole question has been fogged by overmuch discussion.

One may consider styles at length, but a neglect of the personal equation will bring any theory to grief. On the one hand, the English are fond of considering style rather than the teaching of the style; Americans, on the other, first think of the coach and then of the style; they assume, as a matter of course, that each coach teaches something different from every other coach—even though the differences are not discernible. This difference is a kind of working hypothesis with most sporting writers. Rowing must seem a bit occult or it will not provide voluminous copy. With the exception of possibly three newspapers, there was hardly an account of the races at New London or at Poughkeepsie which really told anything of the manner of rowing of the various crews. The wise correspondents kept to general terms, the foolish rushed into particulars with disastrous results.

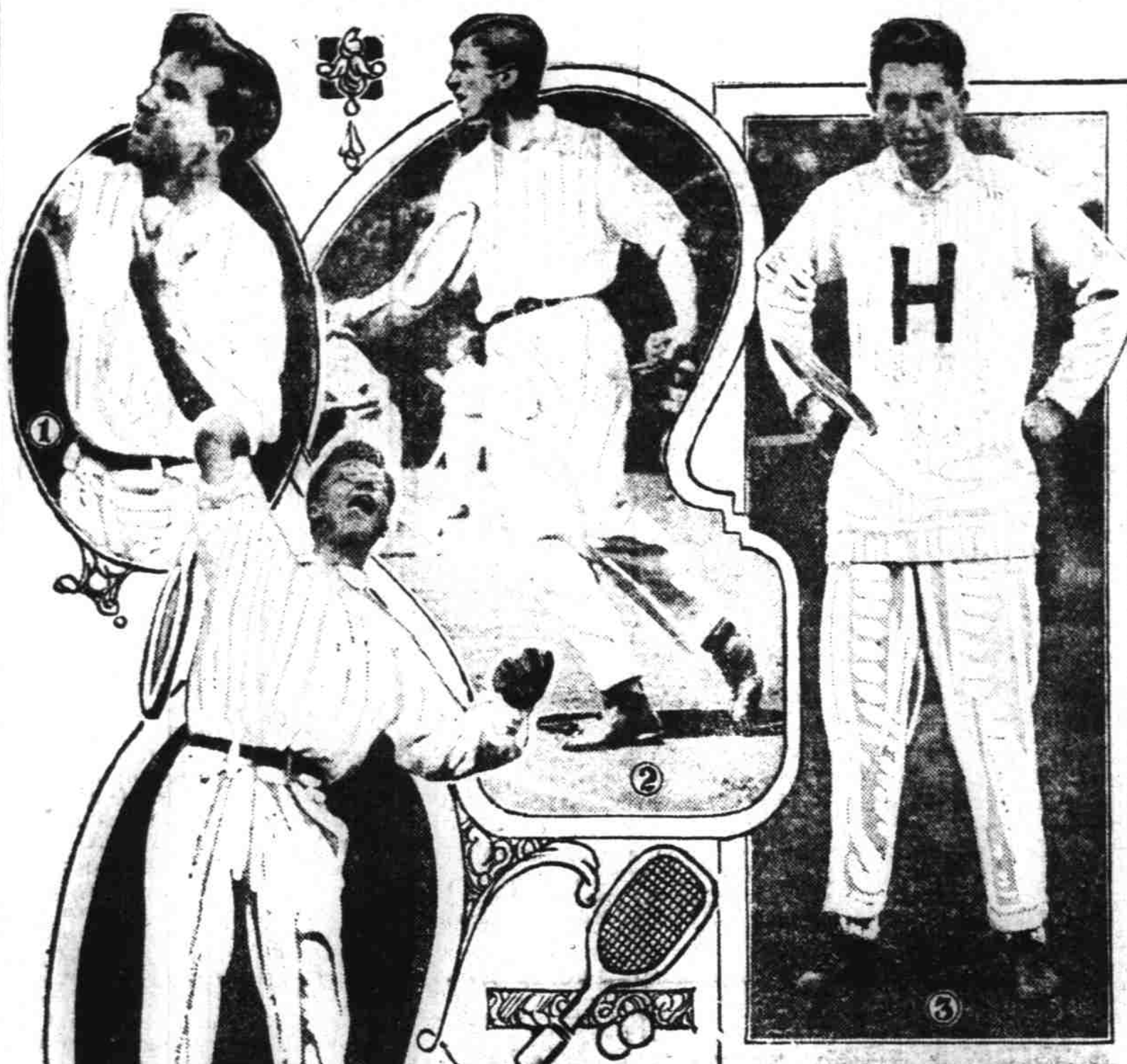
Yet the whole matter of the rowing stroke is quite simple when resolved into its elements and stripped of meaningless terms. The object of a crew is to propel its light ship through the water with the greatest possible speed. When eight men get their craft down a course faster than eight other men, they are rowing well, for they have attained their object. Form in rowing, or in any other sport, merely means the manner or method which is best for the average man. The exceptional leader has usually a form of his own; good, too, because it is successful.

The Rowing Stroke.
A simple analysis of a rowing stroke will serve to give the essential differences in style and also to demonstrate how much the personal equation enters.

In rowing—only eight-oared shell rowing is here considered—each man has a single sweep about 12 feet long with a blade that varies in width, according to particular fancy, from six and a fraction to seven and a fraction inches. It is not necessary to discuss the matter of oars or the construction of shells. Each oarsman sits on a small seat which slides on brass runners through a distance of from 16 to 27 inches, as best suits the style of stroke and the leg length of the individual oarsman. His feet are strapped into a wooden thwart called a "stretch-er." The oarlocks or thole-pins are supported at some distance outside the shell by iron or steel "outriggers."

To begin a stroke, the oarsman brings his slide up to the end, and, spreading his knees, with arms between, reaches well out with the oar. This is the position for the "catch" or "beginning" of the stroke, which occurs when the oar is immersed in the water. The body then comes to a perpendicular posture, the arms acting merely as attachments to the sweep. As the body comes up, the knees are brought together so that, when the body is upright, the legs are in position for a straight push which carries the seat back over the slide; this is the "leg drive." By the time the legs are flat the body has reached the end of the slide and is going backward from the perpendicular. The arms, which have so far been quite straight, are now brought in until the oar handle touches the chest. This is the "finish" of the stroke. Then the hands are quickly sent down and away to take the oar out of the water, while the wrist nearest the outrigger flings, turning the oar blade for the "feather." Then the body again passes the perpendicular, the oarsman slides back

MEN WHO WILL DEFEND THE DAVIS CUP



1-TOM BUNDY-2 MAURICE McLOUGHLIN-3-R. N. WILLIAMS-4 KARL BEHR

AMERICAN TENNIS PLAYERS HAVE HARD TASK ON HAND

The win of Australasia over Canada and Germany in the Davis cup competition leaves the three strongest contenders to fight it out to a finish, so far, no form reversals have occurred. Australasia will on August 6, 7 and 8, play against England, which has already reached the final round.

The winner of this match will next play the challenge match against America on August 13, 14 and 15 at the West Side Tennis Club in New York city.

The make-up of the teams has now been declared in full, and the selections of Great Britain and America are rather remarkable. England declares J. C. Parke, A. A. F. Kingscott, T. C. Mavrogordato and A. H. Love. Australasia is represented by Norman Brookes, A. T. Wilding, D. N. Doust and A. H. Dunlop, and the United States will depend upon McLoughlin, Williams, T. C. Bundy and Karl Behr. The Australasian team is, beyond a doubt, the best that could be secured under any circumstances, and each member is a man of tried ability.

The selection of the English team has excited a vast amount of criticism, and apparently with good reason. Having practically no youngsters in the tennis ranks, England, during the past ten years, depended upon the same little band of veteran experts—Gore, Barrett, Dixon, Ritchie—who are all now well over the 40-year line.

Occasionally they have honored comparatively young men like A. H. and Gordon Lowe and J. C. Parke, who are each about 30 years of age, but these occasions have been few.

The veterans have maintained England's prestige in the sport very creditably, but the younger men of other nations have lately been beating the old guard, and a change of policy has been adopted.

Discarding the old standard bearers altogether, they have named for this campaign three men—A. H. Lowe, A. R. F. Kingscott and T. C. Mavrogordato—who have not won in the last two years three important tournaments between them.

J. C. Parke, the mainstay of the team, is certainly entitled to a place, although he has been already beaten this year by F. G. Lowe, S. N. Doust, A. E. Beahm, Hope Crisp and Otto Froitzheim. He can be depended upon, however, to improve as the season advances.

The English selection committee overlooked F. G. Lowe, the only English player who has shown real improvement during the past year. Lowe has figured in a great many tournaments during the past six months, and has lost very seldom, except when he encountered Wilding.

On form he looks to be the best English player at the present time except Parke. Mavrogordato and Kingscott have shown remarkable ability in some of the matches they have lost, but that just about lets them out, except that Mavrogordato won a good match from Decujis, the French expert, in the Davis cup series, this year against France.

In the English championships in June Kingscott was beaten by Gore, the ex-champion of England, 46 years old, in straight sets.

The selection of the American Davis cup team will also very likely cause some adverse criticism.

Maurice McLoughlin and R. Williams could hardly be barred from the team under any circumstances,

ONE BAD GAME DOESN'T COUNT, SAYS E. NELL

Among baseball fans there has been considerable comment over the announcement that Lang Akana and Bill Inman had been offered Portland contracts in the Coast League for next year. The general impression is that if these players intend to go in seriously for professional ball they are getting an unusual opportunity to try out with a fast Class AA team.

Eddie Nell, who stands sponsor for both Inman and Akana, thinks that the former got rather a rough deal last Saturday and wants it understood that he didn't tear up Inman's contract after seeing him work against the Hawaiis, as stated in the morning paper.

"The game Saturday proved that Bill lacks experience and is a trifle shy on aggressiveness," said Nell this morning. "I have seen a lot of first-class big league pitchers moulded out of worse material, though."

"For one thing, Inman's support was wretched and poor support has much more effect on a young pitcher than it would on a pitcher with the experience of Al Castle or Bill Hampton, for instance. They would simply treat it as part of the game and pitch so much the harder."

"Inman has all the natural qualifications of a ball-player—build, speed and eye."

"A Class AA league team like Portland can afford to spend a little time and money on such material, and while I hardly think Bill would make good as a pitcher his first year up, I will venture to predict that McCredie will keep strings on him. He might also be developed into a mighty good outfielder. At any rate, he can have his chance if he wants it."

There is a general idea that Lang Akana has had the experience necessary to hold down a league job and that the big fellow would do well in the Coast League. His two trips away with the All-Chinese team gave him experience playing on the road, and he seems to be getting better both as a hitter and as a fielder right along. Akana is exceptionally good at getting under long flies that require a run for the catch.

AMERICAN INDIANS AND THEIR HEALTH REPORT

The annual report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1913, has just been made public. Cato Sells, the present Commissioner, who makes the report, took the office on June 4, 1913, so that the bureau was under his direction for only a short part of the fiscal year. The new Commissioner finds the health conditions among the Indians deplorable. Approximately 25,000 Indians are suffering from tuberculosis, he says, while available hospitals for all will not exceed 300 beds. In the past year 1905 Indians are reported as having died from tuberculosis. More than 60,000 cases of trachoma are estimated to exist among the Indians. Additional appropriations are needed to construct and equip hospitals to be located on the Indian reservations to check and control the disease, and to improve the health of the Indians.

The housing conditions of the Indians throughout the country is a subject, the Commissioner thinks, which demands immediate consideration. Approximately 8000 Indian families are without other homes than mud lodges or tepees, with dirt floors and revolting surroundings generally. The insanitary housing conditions continue to exist even where the Indians have been allotted 80 to 320 acres each of valuable land. This state of things, the report says, is a serious reflection upon Indian administration and should not be permitted to exist much longer.—Southern Workman.

ENORMOUS FISH OUTPUT FROM STATE'S STATIONS

[By Latest Mail]
WASHINGTON.—The bureau of fisheries has just issued a bulletin showing the enormous output of the fish stations in Washington state for the fiscal year 1913.

The output, nearly all in the form of fish fry, follows:

Baker Lake, Wash., entire year, sockeye salmon, total output, 5,559,000; Chinook salmon, 18,000; silver salmon, 2,076,000; steelhead trout, 12,400.

Birdsview, Wash., entire year, blue-back salmon, 192,700; Chinook salmon, 5800; dog salmon, 211,300.

ELKS' REUNION ENDS; TOP OF THE WORLD

DENVER, Colo.—The golden jubilee reunion of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was brought to a close and the delegates will begin to disperse to their homes. Several thousand visitors took advantage of arrangements made by the local lodge and went on an excursion to Corona, the "top of the world," it is called here.

Corona, on the Moffat road, is the highest point reached by a standard gauge railroad, and is a region of perpetual snow. Before the day is over the Elks expect to stage a real snow

SHAMROCK IV CAN STAND A LOT OF WIND

Challenger Has Done Everything Asked of Her by
Handlers Thus Far

[By Latest Mail]

TORQUAY, Eng.—Until American yachtsmen have had the opportunity to watch the Shamrock IV under sail, which will not be until August 20, it will not be understood why the English yachtsmen, even the extremely conservative and pessimistic, consider the Shamrock a wonderful boat.

Never has a cup challenger received a more thorough tryout and in a shorter space of time than was given the Lipton boat. Until the day her racing gear was housed on the Erin she was put through her paces under sloop rig and cutter rig, as a raceboat with a long bowsprit, and even while under way changed from cutter to sloop. The Shamrock is the most extreme freak that has yet started to cross the water for the cup. For the first time in years the English boat is the freak while the American defender, in case the Resolute is chosen, will be more of a boat in every sense of the word. It was Nicholson's only chance of hoping to cope with the American designers, who have been working under the rule for the past eight years, in his first attempt under the rule.

The brief cable reports which have been sent to America on the progress of the boat have been extremely limited. Here at Torbay and Torquay, where the last four days' trials were held under ideal conditions of weather, certain events happened which have not been recorded.

In jamming the boat to weather for instance, upon which point it is realized in a great measure the winning of the race depends, four skippers have handled the wheel and sails as they saw fit, each making his own report at the end of the day as to how the boat handled the best. Designer Nicholson, Captain Turner, Professional Skipper, W. B. Burton, who is to handle the boat at Sandy Hook, and Colonel Duncan F. D. Neill, adviser to Sir Thomas, have been finding the way to get the boat to the weather mark. Sometimes she has been a point and a half higher than the old Shamrock, and at other times under similar conditions she would be as much off the 23 meter boat's course; but this was according to the man handling her, whether or not she seemed to go better by giving her a good rap and letting her foot, or jamming her higher and outpointing. In a good breeze it has been found that she will stand very high in her cutter rig; but in light air, with sheets eased a bit, she more than compensates for the pointing.

In one blow of 25 miles, which is for miles stronger than any breeze the American boats have raced under, the Shamrock IV carried her full sail without losing a spar or having a yarn. The sail was set at Southampton, where the breeze was light; but out in the Solent the full force was struck before sail could be shortened. An ebb tide was running hard to windward and there was considerable sea on; but while the conditions were these under which it was thought the challenger would not show to advantage, she behaved admirably and thoroughly gained the confidence of all who saw the race.

In light weather she added more to her reputation. In a 10 mile windward leeward course she beat the old challenger over 22 minutes in a light breeze. She showed great proficiency at drifting, a much sought-for feature in any boat.

Charles E. Nicholson, who is also designing a 12 meter boat for Sir Thomas Lipton to take to San Francisco next April, stated his belief yesterday that the Vanitie would be the boat selected to defend the America's cup.

BELL WAS A SICK MAN WHEN HE LOST TO THE BOMBARDIER

[Associated Press]

LONDON, August 5.—The operation for abscess in the ear upon Colin Bell, the Australian heavyweight, has cut short the joy of British boxing enthusiasts over the recent victory of Bombardier Wells.

Bell, his physicians now say, was a sick man when he stepped into the ring with the Bombardier, and should never have been allowed to fight. But this fact was carefully concealed from the public by his managers, who denied rumors of the kind previous to the fight. Bell admits he thought the fight was so easy he could win even in bad condition, and helped in the defeat. He says he is promised another match with Wells, as soon as he recovers.

The operation was serious, taking about two and a half hours. Besides the abscessed ear, his nose and bronchial tubes were blocked with blood clots the night of the fight.

In view of his condition, the rejoicings of the British press over Wells' "coming back" and "English prestige restored" are now thought to have been premature.

Ball fight on the mountain tops. The grand lodge officers held an informal session and completed their work.

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